

A Worm's Waking

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This is how a human being can change.

*There is a worm
addicted to eating grape leaves.*

*Suddenly, he wakes up,
call it grace, whatever, something -
wakes him, and he is no longer a worm.*

*He is the entire vineyard,
and the orchard too, the fruit, the trunks,
a growing wisdom and joy
that does not need to devour.*

The butterfly is free....

Rumi, circa 13 AD.

